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I believe that the findings in the Microsoft antitrust case were accurate and reasonably stated, but that the remedies do not go far enough to prevent recurrence or to compensate consumers and competitors for the damage done by Microsoft.

When I first began using computers with Microsoft operating systems, the OS represented around 1% of the total cost of the computer (an IBM PC with MS-DOS). Now, I can buy a computer for under \$1,000 and a copy of MS Windows will cost over \$100. They've gone from 1% to 10%.

The vast amounts of profit Microsoft is raking in from their operating systems monopoly is funding advertising, price cutting, and other methods of invading other profit centers, including not only middleware, but video games, the ISP/ASP market (through MSN), and many less visible incursions through acquisitions and partnerships.

Breaking up Microsoft is the only realistic solution.

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